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Agriculture

NOLA: MLNH 010215
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/8/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:06:48

Seattleites Construct Rain Gardens to Curb Pollution From Stormwater Runoff:
In an effort to curb pollution from stormwater runoff, Seattle residents have begun a campaign to build 12,000 rain gardens around the Puget Sound. Katie Campbell of KCTS 9 reports.

American History/Biography

NOLA: PROH 000101
Series Title: Prohibition
Episode Title: A Nation of Drunkards
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 10/3/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Discover the true story of America's "Great Experiment." Go beyond the oft-told tales of gangsters, rum-runners, flappers and speakeasies to experience the rise, rule and fall of the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution in Ken Burns and Lynn Novick's PROHIBITION. Since the early years of the American Republic, alcohol has been embedded in the fabric of American culture. But by 1830, the average American over 15 years old consumes nearly seven gallons of pure alcohol a year, three times as much as we drink today. Alcohol abuse wreaks havoc on the lives of many families. As a wave of spiritual fervor for reform sweeps the country, many women and men begin to see alcohol as a scourge. After the Civil War, the country's population swells with immigrants, who bring their drinking customs with them from Ireland, Germany, Italy and other European countries. The temperance campaign ignites, spearheaded by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Carrie Nation and her Home Defenders Army bring publicity by attacking Kansas bars with stones and hatchets, and the Anti-Saloon League (ASL) forms to push for an amendment to the Constitution outlawing alcohol nationally. Most politicians dare not defy the ASL, and in 1917 the 18th Amendment sails through both Houses of Congress; it is ratified by the states in just 13 months. When the Amendment is signed into law, Prohibitionists rejoice that America has become officially dry. But Americans are about to discover that making Prohibition the law of the land has been one thing; enforcing it will be another.

NOLA: WARO 000000
Series Title: War of 1812; The
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 10/10/2011 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

The War of 1812 explores this significant event from divergent points of view. Leading historians, battle re-enactors and historic images help bring this defining conflict to life.

NOLA: STJO 000000
Series Title: Steve Jobs - One Last Thing
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/2/2011 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

In the aftermath of the death of probably the most inspirational computer designers and innovators of the 21st century, this film takes an in-depth look at the life and work of Apple boss, Steve Jobs to examine how and why he revolutionized our world.

Arts

NOLA: CRIA 000302
Series Title: Craft in America
Episode Title: Family
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/17/2011 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Is talent inherited? What's it like to live in a household where objects are made by hand? Former President Jimmy Carter shares stories of the late Ed Moulthrop, a fellow Georgian known as the father of modern woodturning and the father of a family of craft artists who are following in his footsteps. The program also highlights the glass creations of the Marioni family in Seattle, the inventions of ceramicist Cliff Lee and metal artist Holly Lee in rural Pennsylvania, and the inspirations that Oklahoma bootmaker Lisa Sorell provides for her daughters.

NOLA: AIPR 000101
Series Title: America in Primetime
Episode Title: Independent Woman
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/30/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Witness the transformation of women from model housewives to complex, and sometimes controversial, characters. Interviews include Roseanne Barr ("Roseanne"); Candice Bergen ("Murphy Brown"); Eva Longoria and Felicity Huffman ("Desperate Housewives"); Robert and Michelle King and Julianna Margulies ("The Good Wife"); James L. Brooks and Mary Tyler Moore ("The Mary Tyler Moore Show"); Shonda Rhimes and Sandra Oh ("Grey's Anatomy"); and Liz Brixius and Linda Wallem ("Nurse Jackie") among others.

NOLA: PBTJ 000000
Series Title: PBS Arts from Chicago: American Masters Bill T. Jones: A Good Man
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 11/11/2011 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Follow award-winning director/choreographer Bill T. Jones' intense creative journey as he leads his company in the creation of Fondly Do We Hope ... Fervently Do We Pray, an original dance-theater piece in honor of Abraham Lincoln's bicentennial.

NOLA: WOOA 000101
Series Title: Woody Allen: American Masters
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 11/20/2011 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Gaining unprecedented access to the notoriously private film legend, Emmy Award-winner Robert Weide delves into Woody Allen's life and creative process, from his childhood and early career through to his most recent film "Midnight in Paris," in this new, two-part documentary. Exploring the ultimate "independent filmmaker's" writing habits, casting, directing and relationship with his actors, Weide traveled with Allen from the London set of his upcoming film You Will Meet a Tall Dark Stranger to Allen's home, the editing room and his childhood haunts in the Midwood section of Brooklyn. New interviews also provide insight and back story: actors Antonio Banderas, Josh Brolin, Penelope Cruz, John Cusack, Larry David, Mariel Hemingway, Scarlett Johansson, Julie Kavner, Diane Keaton, Martin Landau, Louise Lasser, Sean Penn, Tony Roberts, Chris Rock, Mira Sorvino, Naomi Watts, Dianne Wiest and Owen Wilson; writing collaborators Marshall Brickman, Mickey Rose and Doug McGrath; cinematographers Gordon Willis and Vilmos Zsigmond; Allen's sister Letty Aronson; longtime manager Jack Rollins; casting director Juliet Taylor; pals Dick Cavett and Martin Scorsese; and others.

Business/Industry

NOLA: PROH 000103
Series Title: Prohibition
Episode Title: A Nation of Hypocrites
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 10/4/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Discover the true story of America's "Great Experiment" - the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution outlawing alcohol - in Ken Burns and Lynn Novick's PROHIBITION. Support for Prohibition diminishes in the mid-1920s as the playfulness of sneaking around for a drink gives way to disenchantment with its glaring unintended consequences. By criminalizing one of the nation's largest industries, the law has given savvy gangsters a way to make huge profits, and as they grow in power, rival outfits wreak havoc in cities across the country. The burgeoning tabloid newspaper industry fans the frenzy with sensational headlines and front-page photographs of murder scenes, while Al Capone holds press conferences and signs autographs. The wealthy Pauline Sabin begins publicly decrying that Prohibition has divided the nation into "wets, dries, and hypocrites." Nearly a century before, women had hoped Prohibition would make the country a safer place for their children. But by the late 1920s many American women believe that the "Noble Experiment" has failed. Sabin unifies women of all classes, refuting the notion that all women support Prohibition and denouncing the law itself as the greatest threat to their families. Sabin and others argue that repeal will bring in tax revenue and provide desperately needed jobs. After the election of Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1932, Congress easily passes the 21st Amendment, which repeals the 18th, and the states quickly ratify it. In December of 1933, Americans can legally buy a drink for the first time in 13 years.

NOLA: MLNH 010169
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/5/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:09:17

'Occupy Wall Street' Protests Give Voice to Anger Over Greed, Corporate Culture: The protests against Wall Street gained new momentum on Wednesday, when union members and students joined the demonstration and marched through the streets of lower Manhattan. Paul Solman visits the budding movement's base camp.

NOLA: MLNH 010177
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/17/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:06:44

Most cell phone users purchase a plan with limits on how long they can talk, text or browse the Web each month, but it can be tough to track usage. Ray Suarez discusses new consumer-friendly rules for wireless companies to send their customers over-usage alerts with Federal Communications Commission Chairman Julius Genachowski.

NOLA: MLNH 010211
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/2/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:09:17

Creating Jobs in the Volunteer State: Why Are Employers Reluctant to Hire? Republicans have been saying that businesses aren't hiring because of uncertainty about regulation, the cost of health insurance and the cost of borrowing money. As part of his reporting on Making Sense of financial news, Paul Solman traveled to Tennessee to see if companies are creating more paying jobs in the Volunteer State.

Community Politics, Government

NOLA: NETK 000207
Series Title: Need to Know
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 10/28/2011 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

This week on Need to Know, we travel to a town in Indiana to see how NAFTA, the most controversial trade deal in recent U.S. history, continues to impact communities today. We also speak with Mickey Kantor, the U.S. trade representative under President Clinton, on NAFTA's legacy, and Jon Meacham delivers an essay in defense of free trade. Ray Suarez hosts.

NOLA: NETK 000211
Series Title: Need to Know
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 11/25/2011 10:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Scott Simon hosts this week's edition of Need to Know, where we explore the nation's struggle with immigration reform through the lens of Alabama's controversial new law. Scott Simon also speaks with New York University professor Alina Das to discuss whether the federal government has dropped the ball on immigrants' rights.

Also, as part of our American Voices series, California-based columnist Gustavo Arellano explains how the GOP's rhetoric puts the Republican party at risk of losing the Latino vote in the upcoming 2012 presidential election.

Consumerism

NOLA: MLNH 010185
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/27/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:10:07

While Netflix Stumbles, Competitors See New Opportunity: Major changes to the Netflix rental system sent its stock plummeting Tuesday after losing 800,000 customers between June and September. Margret Warner discusses Netflix's recent business troubles with StreamingMedia.com's Eric Schumacher-Rasmussen and The Washington Post's Cecilia Kang.

NOLA: SHFR 000000
Series Title: How to Shop for Free with Coupon Master Kathy Spencer
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/3/2011 11:00:00 AM
Service: PBS-SIP
Format: Demonstration/Instructional
Segment Length: 00:56:42

Meet Kathy Spencer, mother of four and coupon master who saves thousands of dollars per year on popular everyday products. In her new special, How to Shop for Free, Kathy will share her savings strategies with PBS audiences with an entertaining and concise guide on how to save money, stock up and slash your budget!

NOLA: MLNH 010212
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/5/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:08:47

U.S. Postal Service Faces Big Changes Amid Struggle to Deliver on Profitability: The likelihood that a stamped letter could reach its destination by the next day will be virtually eliminated due to billions in U.S. Postal Service cuts announced Monday. Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe joins Gwen Ifill to discuss the cuts and what's next for the postal service and its customers.

Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement

NOLA: FRON 003001
Series Title: Frontline
Episode Title: The Anthrax Files
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/11/2011 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

In the fall of 2001 envelopes carrying deadly anthrax were delivered to U.S. Senate offices, network news divisions and a tabloid newspaper. Five people were killed, many more were infected and the nation was terrorized. Seven years later, after the mistaken pursuit of one suspect, the most expensive and complex investigation ever undertaken by the FBI ended when the organization identified Army scientist Dr. Bruce Ivins as the sole perpetrator of the attacks – after Ivins had taken his own life. Now, new questions are being raised about the FBI's investigative methods and whether Ivins really did it. FRONTLINE, in a co-production with ProPublica and McClatchy Newspapers, takes a hard look at the FBI's investigation of the country's most notorious act of bioterrorism.

NOLA: WWPE 000101
Series Title: Women, War & Peace
Episode Title: I Came to Testify
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/11/2011 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

This is the moving story of how a group of 16 women who had been imprisoned and raped by Serb-led forces in the Bosnian town of Foca broke history's great silence and stepped forward to take the witness stand in an international court of law. Their remarkable courage resulted in a triumphant verdict that led to new international laws about sexual violence in war. Matt Damon narrates.

NOLA: NAZH 000000
Series Title: Nazi Hunt: Elusive Justice
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 11/15/2011 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Candice Bergen narrates this new documentary that explores the 65-year effort to identify, prosecute and punish the 20th century's most notorious murderers. In the face of apathy, obstruction and violence, the men and women who pursued Nazi fugitives brought a measure of dignity to the victims of the Holocaust while reminding the international community that enemies of humanity must be prosecuted and punished—if humanity is to survive.

Culture

NOLA: INLE 001301
Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: Wham! Bam! Islam!
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/19/2011 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

When a Kuwaiti psychologist launches a comic series with 99 superheroes based on the 99 virtues of Allah, he runs up against suspicion from Muslims and the harsh realities of the global marketplace.

NOLA: PGMB 000000
Series Title: PBS Arts from the Blue Ridge Mountains: Give Me the Banjo
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 11/4/2011 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Narrated by Steve Martin, a banjoist himself, the film explores the roots of American music – the minstrel show, ragtime and early jazz, blues, old-time, folk, bluegrass and country.

NOLA: INLE 001305
Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: We Still Live Here - As Nutayunean
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/23/2011 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

The Wampanoag saved the Pilgrims from starvation – and lived to regret it. Spurred on by their celebrated linguist Jessie Little Doe Baird, the Wampanoag of Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard are reviving their language more than a century after the last native speaker died. By Anne Makepeace.

Economy

NOLA: WWIR 005116
Series Title: Washington Week
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 10/14/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:00:00

As the GOP candidates debate economics, President Obama promotes his jobs plan. But with its defeat in the Senate, what's next? Also, the strange story of an assassination plot against a Saudi Ambassador involving Iran and a Mexican drug cartel. Joining Gwen: Karen Tumulty, Washington Post; Michael Duffy, TIME; Alexis Simendinger, RealClearPolitics; James Kitfield, National Journal.

NOLA: FFPM 000000
Series Title: Financial Fitness After 50! with Paul Merriman
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 12/3/2011 11:00:00 AM
Service: PBS-SIP
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:54:55

Paul Merriman offers his five steps for a comfortable retirement.

NOLA: WWIR 005122
Series Title: Washington Week
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 11/25/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:00:00

The supercommittee failed to reach a budget deal this week, affecting national politics and the economy. Also, the GOP presidential candidates debated foreign policy, with Newt Gingrich facing new scrutiny on his immigration stance. John Dickerson guest-hosts with: Susan Davis, National Journal; David Wessel, The Wall Street Journal; Dan Balz, The Washington Post; Gloria Borger, CNN.

NOLA: WWIR 005120
Series Title: Washington Week
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 11/11/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:00:00

GOP presidential candidates debate the economic recovery. Rick Perry's memory lapse. Herman Cain's harassment scandal. A Newt Gingrich surge? What's motivating U.S. voters? The potential impact of the Euro debt crisis on America. US. Pete Williams hosts with: John Harwood, CNBC/New York Times; Michael Duffy, TIME; Karen Tumulty, Washington Post; Greg Ip, The Economist.

NOLA: WWIR 005123
Series Title: Washington Week
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 12/2/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:00:00

The unemployment rate fell last month to the lowest since March 2009. Is this a sign of the economy stabilizing? Also, Herman Cain faced allegations of an extramarital affair, Rick Perry had another "oops" moment, and Newt Gingrich surged in the polls. Joining Gwen: Jim Tankersley, National Journal; Greg Ip, The Economist; Karen Tumulty, The Washington Post; Jeff Zeleny, The New York Times.

Education

NOLA: MLNH 010173
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/11/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:07:04

Stalling Economy Forces Pennsylvania Schools to Put Dreams on Hold: The weak economy is contributing to--and magnifying the problems--of some school districts around the United States. John Merrow, the NewsHour's special correspondent for education, reports on the problems one Pennsylvania district is facing.

NOLA: MLNH 010184
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/26/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:10:48

Obama's Student Loan Relief Plan: How Helpful Would it Be? President Obama outlined a plan to speed up help for millions of Americans struggling with the cost of higher education. Gwen Ifill discusses the president's effort to ease the burden of student loans with "Generation Debt" author Anya Kamenetz and Jeff Selingo of the Chronicle of Higher Education.

NOLA: PNRE 001510
Series Title: Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 10/29/2011 12:30:00 AM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Mississippi Personhood Amendment: There is a proposal on the ballot in Mississippi that would say human life begins at conception. If the measure passes, every fertilized human egg in Mississippi would be defined as a person, and that could make abortion, for any reason, murder. Faith-Based Social Services in Brazil: "I feel the young people and children, adolescents, all of them, they all need an opportunity ... they need a good education," says Sister Judith Lupo, head of Brazil's largest church-run social services agency. Religious Pilgrimage: "Pilgrimages are undertaken because people want to move beyond their normal, mundane life," says Virginia Raguin, a professor at the College of the Holy Cross. Raguin is also the curator of a traveling exhibit on pilgrimages in Buddhism, Christianity and Islam.

NOLA: MLNH 010213
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/6/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:06:43

Parlez-Vous? Some Louisiana Pupils Being Immersed in French Instruction: Louisiana's French heritage is being embraced in many immersion classrooms in the state. It goes beyond language -- some students are learning math, science and social studies in French. Sue Lincoln of Louisiana Public Broadcasting and the Southern Education Desk reports.

Employment

NOLA: NETK 000204
Series Title: Need to Know
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 10/7/2011 10:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Scott Simon hosts our first edition of "Help Wanted," a new series dedicated to America's ongoing jobs crisis. This week, we visit Ohio's Cuyahoga County to see how even people who have managed to find work are struggling with stagnant pay and decreasing benefits.

Scott Simon also travels to inner-city Baltimore with David Simon, author and creator of the HBO series "The Wire," to talk to young men on "the corner" who are among America's chronically unemployed.

NOLA: WWIR 005115
Series Title: Washington Week
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 10/7/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Now that Christie and Palin are officially out of the GOP Presidential race, which other candidates will benefit most? Plus, what fundraising totals reveal about the race. Also, President Obama fights for the Jobs Act. And a preview of SCOTUS's new term. Joining Gwen: Dan Balz, Washington Post; Jeanne Cummings, Bloomberg News; Janet Hook, Wall Street Journal; Joan Biskupic, USA Today.

NOLA: NETK 000208
Series Title: Need to Know
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 11/4/2011 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

"Creating opportunity": On this month's edition of Help Wanted, our ongoing project featuring stories from America's jobs crisis, Need to Know travels from one coast to the other to highlight two statewide initiatives that have helped curb unemployment. We also launch our new series, American Voices, featuring essayists from diverse backgrounds with diverse points of view. Jeff Greenfield hosts.

Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters

NOLA: NAAT 002901
Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: Radioactive Wolves
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/19/2011 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

The historic nuclear accident at Chernobyl is now 25 years old. Filmmakers and scientists set out to document the lives of the packs of wolves and other wildlife thriving in the "dead zone" that still surrounds the remains of the reactor.

NOLA: NAAT 002902
Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: The Animal House
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/2/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Why do some animals build structures and others don't? And how do animals decide where to build? Animal homes need to be safe and secure, protected from predators and the weather. An eagle's nest can weigh up to one ton, a termite mound can stand eight feet tall, and some falcon nest sites have been around for centuries. Going above ground and under, NATURE investigates just what goes into making a home when you're wild and cost is not a factor.

NOLA: NAAT 002903
Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: Jungle Eagle
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/9/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Demonstration/Instructional
Segment Length: 00:00:00

The most powerful raptor in the world, the harpy eagle, hides away deep in the South American jungle. Harpy eagles are barely ever seen, let alone filmed. In this extraordinary documentary, an intrepid team of cameramen steps into the world of this monkey-eating eagle and even risks injury to obtain intimate pictures of them bringing large monkeys to the nest to feed their young. The tables soon turn, however, as one of these massive birds starts following the team.

NOLA: NAAT 002904
Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: My Life as a Turkey
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/16/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Based on the true story of writer and naturalist Joe Hutto, portrayed by wildlife photographer Jeff Palmer, this film chronicles Hutto's remarkable experience of imprinting wild turkey eggs and raising the hatchlings to adulthood. Deep in the wilds of Florida, Hutto spent each day out and about as a "wild turkey" with his family of chicks - until the day came when he had to let his children grow up and go off on their own. As it turned out, this was harder than he ever imagined. Hutto's story also became a book, "Illumination in the Flatlands."

Family/Marriage

NOLA: INLE 001302
Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: Donor Unknown/All About Me
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 10/25/2011 11:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

"Donor Unknown" follows the story of JoEllen Marsh, 20, as she goes in search of the sperm donor father she knows only as Donor 150. Along the way, she meets siblings she never knew existed. By Jerry Rothwell. The program is paired with the short film "All About Me."

NOLA: MLNH 010187
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/31/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:06:19

Wife, Son Give Texture to 'the Way Madoff Kept Them in the Dark': Nearly three years after the Bernie Madoff Ponzi scheme scandal erupted, wife Ruth Madoff and son Andrew are telling their side of the story. Gwen Ifill and "Wizard of Lies" author Diana Henriques take a deeper look into the Madoff family.

NOLA: PNRE 001513
Series Title: Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 11/19/2011 12:30:00 AM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Combating Hunger: "When we've had that political will to reduce poverty, we've been able to do it in our country, and that's what we need to mobilize now," says Reverend David Beckmann, president of Bread for the World. Donor Fatigue: "They don't believe that either change is possible there or that their money, or their resources, what they give, will actually translate into something different on the ground. That's the crisis that we're seeing," says American Refugee Committee president Daniel Wordsworth. Dr. Brenda Williams: "The houses are not just 'given' to the families," says Dr. Brenda Williams, "They have to work for it. They have to earn it." She and her husband have been using their own money to provide homes to disadvantaged families.

Health/Health Care

NOLA: INLE 001303
Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: Lives Worth Living
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/2/2011 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Fred Fay's life proves that one man can change the world, even though he has to lie flat on his back just to stay alive. "Lives Worth Living" looks at Fay's struggle to survive after a spinal cord injury and the small group of dedicated activists who formed the disability rights movement to drive the nation toward equal rights. By Eric Neudel.

NOLA: MLNH 010193
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/8/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:07:40

California Raids Threaten Medical Marijuana Regulation: In 16 states, marijuana use is legal for medical purposes, but authorities say state laws do not protect growers from federal prosecution. Special correspondent Michael Montgomery of KQED San Francisco looks at how that conflict is playing out in one California community.

NOLA: WWIR 005121
Series Title: Washington Week
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 11/18/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:00:00

As the GOP candidates debated foreign policy, President Obama met with Asia-Pacific leaders. Also, Newt Gingrich's bumpy climb in the polls. And, what happens if the Super Committee fails to deliver? Plus, The Supreme Court will hear constitutionality of health reform. Joining Gwen: Major Garrett, National Journal; Jeanne Cummings, Bloomberg News; Lori Montgomery, The Washington Post; Joan Biskupic, USA TODAY.

NOLA: MLNH 010220
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/15/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:10:40

Spare Parts for Humans: Tissue Engineers Aim for Lab-Grown Limbs, Lungs and More: A new research breakthrough has enabled scientists to grow human tissue to repair or replace organs, and someday, maybe even limbs. Science correspondent Miles O'Brien reports.

Media

NOLA: WIFM 000000
Series Title: Will Ferrell: The Mark Twain Prize
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 10/31/2011 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Event Coverage
Segment Length: 00:00:00

This year the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor is presented to Will Ferrell. The program features a star-studded cast of Ferrell's friends and colleagues from his many feature films, his stint on Saturday Night Live, and his smash web site, "Funny or Die." Guests include Billie Joe Armstrong, Ed Asner, Jack Black, Matthew Broderick, Gwen Ifill, Adam McKay, Tim Meadows, Conan O'Brien, John C. Reilly, Paul Rudd, Andy Samberg, Molly Shannon and Ben Stiller.

NOLA: AIPR 000102
Series Title: America in Primetime
Episode Title: Man of the House
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/6/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

This episode showcases the evolution of the man of the house from the king of his castle in classic family sitcoms to a more intricate, conflicted figure in modern shows. Interviews include Marcy Carsey and Tom Werner ("The Cosby Show"); David Chase ("The Sopranos"); Bryan Cranston ("Breaking Bad"); Ron Howard ("The Andy Griffith Show"); Carl Reiner and Dick Van Dyke ("The Dick Van Dyke Show"); and Phil Rosenthal and Patricia Heaton ("Everybody Loves Raymond"), among others.

NOLA: AIPR 000104
Series Title: America in Primetime
Episode Title: The Crusader
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/20/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Delve into the increasingly grey area between right and wrong as television heroes confront internal demons while seeking their own forms of justice. Interviews include Alan Alda ("M*A*S*H"); Steven Bochco and David Milch ("NYPD Blue"); Chris Carter and Gillian Anderson ("The X-Files"); Bob Cochran and Joel Surnow ("24"); Michael C. Hall ("Dexter"); Shawn Ryan and Michael Chiklis ("The Shield"); and David Shore and Hugh Laurie ("House"), among others.

NOLA: MLNH 010220
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/15/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:09:32

Film, Music Industries Battle Leading Internet Companies Over Online Piracy: U.S. film, TV and music producers are taking aim at leading Internet companies for allowing Web users to easily search and access pirated media. Jeffrey Brown explores options for policing pirated media with the Open Internet Coalition's Markham Erickson and the Motion Picture Association of America's Michael O'Leary.

Minorities/Civil Rights

NOLA: HIDE 000912
Series Title: History Detectives
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/11/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:00:00

A one-of-a-kind photograph poses a jarring question: Is the African American wearing a Confederate uniform slave or free? And, did Hollywood treat the Native Americans listed in this payment ledger fairly? Then, an ornate stock certificate unlocks secrets to the earliest days of Harlem.

NOLA: FRON 003002
Series Title: Frontline
Episode Title: Lost In Detention
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/18/2011 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

More than one million immigrants have been deported since President Obama took office. Under his administration, deportations and detentions have reached record levels. The get-tough policy has brought complaints of abuse and harsh treatment, including charges that families have been unfairly separated after being caught in the nationwide dragnet. The administration has promised to make the detention system more humane, and more selectively target the most serious criminals. But it faces Republican critics who urge stricter measures—and a growing backlash among Latino voters, a key 2012 electoral force. In a co-production with the Investigative Reporting Workshop, correspondent Maria Hinojosa investigates Obama's enforcement strategies and journeys into the secretive world of immigrant detention, with a penetrating look at who is being detained and what is happening to these detainees.

NOLA: MLNH 010212
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/5/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:05:51

Politics, Race Play Role in Presidential Pardons, Investigation Finds: People who are white and well-connected are more likely to receive presidential pardons, a ProPublica investigation discovered this week. ProPublica's Dafna Linzer goes over the details of the investigation with Gwen Ifill.

National Politics/Government

NOLA: NETK 000205
Series Title: Need to Know
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 10/14/2011 10:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

The politics of resentment: Jeff Greenfield explores the "Occupy Wall Street" and Tea Party movements in a report that examines the politics of resentment throughout American history. Included are interviews with Tony Perkins of the conservative Family Research Council and liberal author Thomas Frank, author of works including "What's The Matter With Kansas." Kate Zernike on disaffection and the tea party: New York Times journalist Kate Zernike joins us to discuss her work covering the tea party beat. Fixing America: Fran Lebowitz: Author Fran Lebowitz weighs in on our ongoing series, Fixing America.

NOLA: MLNH 010179
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/19/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:06:09

Social Security Recipients to Get 3.6% Boost, but How Much Will it Help?
Starting in January, 55 million Social Security recipients will get a 3.6 percent bump in benefits. Margret Warner discusses the cost-of-living adjustment, which is tied to inflation, with Robert Reischauer of the Urban Institute.

NOLA: NETK 000210
Series Title: Need to Know
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 11/18/2011 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

This week's special edition of Need to Know shines a light on the debate over the Pentagon's budget, exploring whether the \$700 billion defense budget can be cut and, if so, how and by how much. Fred Francis, former Pentagon correspondent at NBC, moderates a roundtable discussion between military experts who discuss the risks and benefits of cutting U.S. defense spending on military pensions, health care, deployments and equipment. Ray Suarez hosts.

NOLA: WWIR 005124
Series Title: Washington Week
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 12/9/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Newt Gingrich soars past Mitt Romney in the polls in three out of four early primary states. Rick Perry makes a push, but is it now a two-man race? Plus President Barack Obama makes a push for the payroll tax cut extensions. Joining Gwen: Major Garrett, National Journal; Charles Babington, Associated Press; John Harwood, CNBC and The New York Times; Alexis Simendinger, RealClearPolitics.com.

Recreation/Leisure/Sports

NOLA: MLNH 010213
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/6/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:08:20

Death of NHL 'Enforcer' Boogaard Puts Spotlight on Repeated Head Trauma: Brain research done after the death of Derek Boogaard, a National Hockey League brawler who was just 28, found that he had a degenerative condition similar to Alzheimer's caused by repeated head trauma. Jeffrey Brown speaks with The New York Times' John Branch and Dr. Robert Cantu for more on the issues raised by the death.

NOLA: MLNH 010214
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/7/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:05:29

News Wrap: Rod Blagojevich Given 14-Year Sentence: In other news Wednesday, the former Democratic governor of Illinois, Rod Blagojevich, was sentenced to 14 years in prison for corruption. He was convicted of trying to sell the appointment to President Obama's Senate seat. Also, former Penn State assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky was jailed on new counts of sexual abuse.

Religion/Ethics

NOLA: WALP 000000
Series Title: Walker Percy: A Documentary Film
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/12/2011 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Walker Percy (1916-1990) was a critically acclaimed writer and popular novelist of the late 20th century. Early on, he turned away from his medical training to pursue writing and philosophical questions about the meaning of life and social isolation in the modern age. However, much of his fiction invoked wit, humor and imagination, thereby making his existential search a universal one. His six novels, including The Moviegoer - which won the National Book Award in 1962 - became best-sellers. This program, which profiles a significant Southern writer who often wrote of the South's traditions and culture, features beautiful cinematography and stylized recreations and includes interviews with such authors as Richard Ford, Walter Isaacson and Jay Tolson.

NOLA: PNRE 001507
Series Title: Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 10/8/2011 12:30:00 AM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Mending Medicare: "The whole system is greased to pay hospitals and others for expensive things people might not even want" at the end of life, says Dr. Lachlan Forrow, director of ethics and palliative care at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital. Simchat Torah: "It's an expression of the love for our Torah, our teachings. It's also a great way to begin the New Year," says Rabbi Ravid Shnever, spiritual leader of Kehila Chadasha and the Am Kolel Jewish Renewal Center of Greater Washington. The Way: Actor Martin Sheen says walking the Camino de Santiago is "a journey of the spirit as well as the flesh" and a search for ritual as well as transcendence.

NOLA: PNRE 001506
Series Title: Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 10/1/2011 12:30:00 AM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Supreme Court: Ministerial Exception: "If anything is covered by separation of church and state, this is it," says lawyer Douglas Laycock, who argued for the Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church and School, and nearly 100 diverse religious groups filed briefs supporting a church's right to choose its own ministers. Andrew Greeley: Despite having sustained a serious head injury three years ago, Father Andrew Greeley is still a priest. "We know that he is blessed, and he's blessing us, and it means a lot," says Greeley's niece, Eileen Durkin. Delhi Jews: "Now we have only 5,000 Jews all over India, and in Delhi we have only five, six Indian Jewish families. We are like a drop in the ocean," says Ezekiel Malekar, keeper of Delhi's tiny synagogue. Higher Ground: Actress Vera Farmiga plays a woman who is "wrestling with the Lord and refusing to let him go until she understands and until he blesses her," says writer and author Frederica Mathewes-Green.

Science/Technology

NOLA: NOVA 003813 Stacked
Series Title: NOVA | Finding Life Beyond Earth
Episode Title: Are We Alone?/Moons and Beyond
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 10/19/2011 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Scientists are on the verge of answering one of the greatest questions in history: are we alone? Combining the latest telescope images with CGI, "Life Beyond Earth" immerses audiences in the sights and sounds of alien worlds, while top astrobiologists explain how these places are changing how we think about the potential for life in our solar system. We used to think our neighboring planets and moons were fairly boring--mostly cold, dead rocks where life could never take hold. Today, however, the solar system looks wilder than we ever imagined. Powerful telescopes and unmanned space missions have revealed a wide range of dynamic environments--atmospheres thick with organic molecules, active volcanoes and vast saltwater oceans. This ongoing revolution is forcing scientists to expand their ideas about what kinds of worlds could support life. And if we do find primitive life forms elsewhere in the solar system, it may well be that life is common in the universe--the rule, and not the exception.

NOLA: NOVA 003815
Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Iceman Murder Mystery
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/26/2011 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

He's been dead for more than 5,000 years, and poked, prodded and probed by scientists for the last 20. Yet today, Otzi the Iceman, the famous mummified corpse pulled from a glacier in the Italian Alps nearly two decades ago, continues to keep many secrets. Now, through an autopsy like none other, scientists will attempt to unravel more mysteries from this ancient mummy than ever before, revealing not only the details of Otzi's suspicious death, but an entire way of life. How did people live during Otzi's time, the Copper Age? What did we eat? What diseases did we cope with? The answers abound miraculously in this one man's mummified remains. Join NOVA as we defrost the ultimate time capsule, the 5,000-year-old man.

NOLA: NOVA 003816
Series Title: NOVA | The Fabric of the Cosmos
Episode Title: What Is Space?
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/2/2011 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Space. It separates you from me, one galaxy from the next, and atoms from each other. It is everywhere in the universe. But to most of us, space is nothing, an empty void. Well, it turns out space is not what it seems. From the passenger seat of a New York cab driving near the speed of light to a pool hall where billiard tables do fantastical things, Brian Greene reveals space as a dynamic fabric that can stretch, twist, warp, and ripple under the influence of gravity. Stranger still is a newly discovered ingredient of space that actually makes up 70% percent of the universe. Physicists call it dark energy because while they know it's out there, driving space to expand ever more quickly, they have no idea what it is. Probing space on the smallest scales only makes the mysteries multiply-down there, things are going on that physicists today can barely fathom-forces powerful enough to generate whole universes. To top it off, some of the strangest places in space, black holes, have led scientists to propose that like the hologram on your credit card, space may just be a projection of a deeper two-dimensional reality, taking place on a distant surface that surrounds us. Space, far from being empty, is filled with some of the deepest mysteries of our time.

NOLA: NOVA 003817
Series Title: NOVA | The Fabric of the Cosmos
Episode Title: The Illusion of Time
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/9/2011 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Time. We waste it, save it, kill it, make it. The world runs on it. Yet, ask physicists what time actually is, and the answer might shock you: They have no idea. Even more surprising, the deep sense we have of time passing from present to past may be nothing more than an illusion. How can our understanding of something so familiar be so wrong? In search of answers, Brian Greene takes us on the ultimate time traveling adventure, hurtling 50 years into the future before stepping into a wormhole to travel back to the past. Along the way, he will reveal a new way of thinking about time in which moments past, present, and future-from the reign of T. Rex to the birth of your great-great-grandchildren-exist all at once. This journey will bring us all the way back to the Big Bang, where physicists think the ultimate secrets of time may be hidden. You'll never look at your wristwatch the same way again.

NOLA: NOVA 003818
Series Title: NOVA | The Fabric of the Cosmos
Episode Title: Quantum Leap
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/16/2011 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Join Brian Greene on a wild ride into the weird realm of quantum physics, which governs the universe on the tiniest of scales. Brian brings quantum mechanics to life in a nightclub like no other, where objects pop in and out of existence, and things over here can affect others over there, instantaneously--without anything crossing the space between them. A century ago, during the initial shots in the quantum revolution, the best minds of a generation--including Albert Einstein and Niels Bohr--squared off in a battle for the soul of physics. How could the rules of the quantum world, which work so well to describe the behavior of individual atoms and their components, conflict so dramatically with the everyday rules that govern people, planets, and galaxies? Quantum mechanics may be counterintuitive, but it's one of the most successful theories in the history of science, making predictions that have been confirmed to better than one part in a billion, while also launching the technological advances at the heart of modern life, like computers and cell phones. But even today, even with such profound successes, the debate still rages over what quantum mechanics implies for the true nature of reality.

NOLA: NOVA 003819
Series Title: NOVA | The Fabric of the Cosmos
Episode Title: Universe or Multiverse?
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/23/2011 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Hard as it is to swallow, cutting-edge theories are suggesting that our universe may not be the only universe. Instead, it may be just one of an infinite number of worlds that make up the multiverse. In this show, Brian Greene takes us on a tour of this brave new theory at the frontier of physics, explaining why scientists believe it's true and showing what some of these alternate realities might be like. Some universes may be almost indistinguishable from our own; others may contain variations of all of us, where we exist but with different families, careers and life stories. In still others, reality may be so radically different from ours as to be unrecognizable. Brian Greene reveals why this radical new picture of the cosmos is getting serious attention from scientists. It won't be easy to prove, but if it's right, our understanding of space, time, and our place in the universe will never be the same.

Transportation

NOLA: MLNH 010174
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/12/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:09:09

UAW, Big 3 Reach Agreement Amid New Economic Climate: The United Auto Workers has reached a deal for a new contract with Chrysler after working out similar deals with GM and Ford. Jeffrey Brown discusses what these new labor contracts might mean for workers and the Big Three automakers with Changing Gears' Micheline Maynard and David Shepardson of The Detroit News.

NOLA: MLNH 010208
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/29/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:08:05

Employees Expected to 'Bear the Burden' of American Airlines Bankruptcy: After 81 years of flying, American Airlines landed in federal bankruptcy court Tuesday, filing for Chapter 11 protections against its creditors. Judy Woodruff discusses what's behind the bankruptcy with Ben Mutzabaugh of USA Today.

NOLA: MLNH 010218
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/13/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:07:40

News Wrap: NTSB Urges Ban on Cell Phone Use While Driving: In other news Tuesday, the National Transportation Safety Board recommended a ban on using a cell phone while driving. It said the ban should apply to both hands-free and hand-held phones. Also, at least 28 people were killed in violence across Syria.

War/Veterans/National Security

NOLA: VIWS 000000
Series Title: Vietnam War Stories
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/10/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Telling emotional stories that haven't been heard before, veterans recount their experiences of the Vietnam War. Veterans from all branches of military service share moving stories of triumph and loss on the field of duty, of sacrificing nearly everything on the battlefield and of the strong bonds of brotherhood and companionship in the ranks. Along with the veterans' stories, archival video, historical photography and maps evoke stark imagery of the conflict.

NOLA: NETK 000209
Series Title: Need to Know
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 11/11/2011 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

"Coming home: The enduring sacrifice": For Veteran's Day, Need to Know dedicates the entire half-hour to exploring the economic and emotional difficulties many U.S. troops face once they return home.

First, we take a look at the hardships our veterans endure years after their tours of duty. Because many troops enlist before they go to college, they often find it difficult to find or keep jobs, and some end up losing their homes. Then, documentarian Sebastian Junger proposes a way to help veterans who struggle with the painful memories of civilian deaths: a memorial to the victims of American wars.

And finally, essayist Marcos Villatoro profiles a housekeeper whose son is fighting in Iraq, as part of our ongoing series "American Voices." Maria Hinojosa hosts.

NOLA: MLNH 010199
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/16/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:08:30

What Does U.S. Military Deployment Mean for Asia-Pacific? President Obama announced Wednesday that more than 2,000 U.S. troops will head to Australia, but he stopped short of saying the move was meant as a message to China. Ray Suarez explores what the move means for regional politics with Jeffrey Bader of The Brookings Institution and John Higley of the University of Texas at Austin.

NOLA: FRON 003004
Series Title: Frontline
Episode Title: A Perfect Terrorist
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/22/2011 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

It has been called the most spectacular terror attack since 9/11. On the night of November 26, 2008, 10 men armed with guns and grenades launched an assault on Mumbai with a military precision that left 166 dead. India quickly learned the attackers belonged to Lashkar-e-Taiba, a Pakistani militant group associated with Pakistan's secretive intelligence agency, the ISI. But what wasn't known then was that a Lashkar/ISI operative had been casing the city for two years, developing a blueprint for terror. His name was David Coleman Headley and he'd been chosen for the job because he had the perfect cover: He was an American citizen. FRONTLINE and ProPublica reporter Sebastian Rotella team up to investigate the mysterious circumstances behind Headley's rise from heroin dealer and U.S. government informant to master plotter of the 2008 attack on Mumbai.

Women

NOLA: PROH 000102
Series Title: Prohibition
Episode Title: A Nation of Scofflaws
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 10/3/2011 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Discover the true story of America's "Great Experiment" - the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution outlawing alcohol - in Ken Burns and Lynn Novick's PROHIBITION. In 1920, Prohibition goes into effect, making it illegal to manufacture, transport or sell intoxicating liquor. This episode examines the problems of enforcement, as millions of law-abiding Americans become lawbreakers overnight. While a significant portion of the country is willing to adapt to the new law, others are shocked at how inconsistent the Volstead Act actually is. As weaknesses in the law and its enforcement become clear, millions find ways to exploit it. Drys had hoped Prohibition would make the country a safer place, but the law has many victims. Honest policemen are killed on the job, unlucky drinkers are poisoned by adulterated liquor and overzealous federal agents violate civil rights just to make a bust. Alcoholism still exists, and may even be increasing, as women begin to drink in the speakeasies that replace the male-only saloon. Despite the growing discontent with Prohibition and its consequences, few politicians dare to speak out against the law, fearful of its powerful protector, the Anti-Saloon League.

NOLA: WWPE 000102
Series Title: Women, War & Peace
Episode Title: Pray the Devil Back to Hell
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/18/2011 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

The second episode tells the astonishing story of the Liberian women who took on the warlords and regime of dictator Charles Taylor in the midst of a brutal civil war and won a once unimaginable peace for their shattered country in 2003. In the capital city of Monrovia, thousands of women—mothers, grandmothers, aunts and daughters, both Christian and Muslim—formed a thin but unshakeable line between the opposing forces, literally facing down the killers who had turned Liberia into hell on earth. Their demonstrations culminated in Taylor's exile and the rise of Africa's first female head of state, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf.

NOLA: WWPE 000104
Series Title: Women, War & Peace
Episode Title: The War We Are Living
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/1/2011 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

In a mountainous region in Colombia's Pacific southwest, two extraordinary Afro-Colombian women are fighting to hold onto the gold-rich land that has sustained their community through small-scale mining for centuries. Clemencia Carabali and Francia Marquez are part of a powerful network of female leaders, who discovered during Colombia's 40-year civil war that women can organize more freely than men. As they defy paramilitary death threats and steadfastly remain on their land, Carabali and Marquez are standing up for a generation of Colombians who have been terrorized and forcibly displaced as a deliberate strategy of war. Alfre Woodard narrates.

NOLA: PWWR 000000
Series Title: PBS Arts from Cleveland: Women Who Rock
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 11/18/2011 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Trace the indelible mark that amazing women musicians, from Bessie Smith to Janis Joplin to Lady Gaga, have made on America's soundtrack. Cyndi Lauper hosts. Presentation of PBS Arts from Cleveland as part of the PBS Fall Arts Festival.

Youth

NOLA: GHAA 000000
Series Title: Growing Hope Against Hunger
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/9/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

This family special will shine a light on the problem of childhood hunger. During a food drive on Sesame Street, Elmo meets guest stars Brad Paisley and Kimberly Williams-Paisley, and learns how the struggle with hunger affects a new friend, Lily. The seeds of hope are planted when they visit a community garden and learn with Rosita how people can work together to take steps towards solutions. Even Super Grover realizes that, while this problem is too big for one superhero to fix, many people working together can achieve super things. The theme is continued with filmed documentaries of 4 real families who have experienced the challenge of hunger and are finding strategies and resources that help.

NOLA: INLE 001304
Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: Deaf Jam
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/9/2011 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Aneta Brodski, a deaf teen living in New York City, discovers the power of American Sign Language poetry. As she prepares to be one of the first deaf poets to compete in a youth slam, her journey leads to an unexpected collaboration. By Judy Lief.

NOLA: AMDO 002414
Series Title: POV
Episode Title: Where Soldiers Come From
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 11/10/2011 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

From a snowy, small town in northern Michigan to the mountains of Afghanistan, this film follows the four-year journey of childhood friends who join the National Guard after graduating from high school. As it chronicles the young men's transformation from restless teenagers to soldiers looking for roadside bombs to 23-year-old combat veterans trying to start their lives again, the film offers an intimate look at the young Americans who fight our wars, the families and towns they come from - and the way one faraway conflict changes everything.

Alabama Public Television
Fourth Quarter Programs
(October - December 2011)
Brief Descriptions

Alabama Stories:

October 9: Helen Keller – History of Helen Keller and the dedication of a bronze statue placed in the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center in her honor.

October 16 & 23: Lister Hill – History of J. Lister Hill, a progressive Democrat and an advocate of the New Deal programs from Montgomery, AL and how he changed state and national healthcare with more than sixty pieces of legislation and numerous other bills during his 45 years in the U.S. Congress.

November 6 & 18: Montgomery Ballet – Look at how this ballet company is thriving while many ballet companies across the country are closing.

November 10 & December 26: Honor Flight – Story of WWII veterans' journey to Washington, DC to see the WWII memorial.

November 13: Alabama the Beautiful: State Parks – Examines the scenery, wildlife, activities and amenities available at six parks that demonstrate Alabama's natural diversity: Guntersville, Mt. Cheaha, Wind Creek, Gulf, Oak Mountain and Cathedral Caverns.

Alabama Storytellers series:

October 24, 25 & 30: (repeats on November 6 & 7): *Sucarnochee: A Revue of Alabama Music*, an hour-long documentary that looks at the personalities, musical styles, and accomplishments of music deeply rooted in Alabama.

October 27, November 3, 10, 17, 24, and December 15, 22, 29: *Sucarnochee: A Revue of Alabama Music*, these half-hour long programs highlight particular artists that make up the documentary about the music of Alabama.

Spotlight on Education

October 27: Dr. Tommy Bice, Deputy State Superintendent of Education, Instructional Services, discusses the state's efforts to reduce the number of students in Alabama dropping out of high school. Dr. Craig Pouncey, Deputy State Superintendent of Education, Administrative and Financial Services, talks about the importance of offering our children healthy food choices in our schools and the states 2012 education budget. Dr. J-M Wersinger, a physics professor at Auburn, discussed the first student-built satellite that was put into orbit that same day named "AubieSat-1."